

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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**Re: Louisiana Board of Ethics
Docket No. 2021-131**

Dear Mrs. Landry:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics ("Board"), at its April 9, 2021 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit you from working as a full time academic counselor at Southern University Law Center while you are currently a contract attorney for the Baker Economic Development District Center Board.

FACTS PROVIDED

You are currently a contract attorney for the Baker Economic Development District Center Board. You would like to work as a full time academic counselor at Southern University Law Center as well. You are inquiring as to whether holding both positions would constitute a violation of the Code.

LAW

La. R.S. 42:1111(C)(1)(a) prohibits a public servant from receiving any thing of economic value for any service, the subject matter of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs, or operations of the agency of the public servant and in which the public servant has participated.

CONCLUSION

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that based on the facts presented, the Code would not prohibit you from working as a full time academic counselor at Southern University Law Center while continuing to provide contract attorney services for the Baker Economic Development District Center Board. The provision of legal services to the Baker Economic Development District Center Board while you are employed at Southern University Law Center would not be prohibited under La. R.S. 42:1111(C)(1)(a) because you would not be "receiving any thing of economic value for any service, the subject matter of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs, or operations of the agency of the public servant and in which the public servant has participated."

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Lobbyist Disclosure Act, and conflict of interest provisions in the gaming laws. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

LaToya D. Jordan
For the Board

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No party may rely on the facts or conclusions. The analysis and conclusions herein are provided for discussion purposes only, and are subject to change or revision at the meeting of the Board of Ethics at which this matter is considered.